THE MINISTEI OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) At present 49 Retail Outlets are in opera; *ion* in Darjeelingi district of West Fengal.

(b) and (c) Act ion for setting up 5 retail outlets at Itfatigara, Kharibari, Mirrik, Gorubathsn and Bidban Nagar has been initiated. These will be commissioned after t election of dealers has been made a id other formalities are completed.

Demand for LPG Cylinders

2476. SHRI NA1AYAN KAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS ?e pleased to state:

(a) the present demand of LPG cylinders in the c tuntry;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shorta ;e of LPG cylinders in the country; ai d

(c) if so, whetl er Government propose to set up moi e plants for refilling LPG cylinders?

THE MINISTEI!, OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The present demand of the oil companies for LPG cylinders ranges from 28 lakhs to 35 lakhs cylinders.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Klox Range Formulations

24,77. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be please^ to state:

(a) what are the approved prices of Klox range of formulation and when were these prices approved;

(b) what are the details of prices on which the company has been selling the formulations from time to time after 1979; and

(c) what action was taken against the company for overcharging the prices of formulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINIS TRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH); (a) to (c) M/s. Lyka Labs, is marketing the formulations referred to in the question at thei'r own prices pending disposal of the review petitions agains* the prices fixed by the Government. To the extent information is available, prices fixed by the Government and those being charged by the company are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the formulation	Pack size	Price fixed by Govt.	Price being charged by the company
1.	Klox Caps. 500 mg..	12's	24·40	34.18
2	Klox Inj. 250 mg.	2 ml. vial	3·17	5.22
3	Klox Inj. 500 mg.	5 ml. vial	4·07	7.10

Review pettition is being expidited

Notices for Recovery under DPEA

2478. SHRIMA1: RATAN KUMARI: Will the Ministe; of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are :he names of the companies and bidk drugs in respect 918 RS—5.

of which notices for recovery under the Drug Prices Equalisation Account are yet to be issued after the inception of the Drugs Price Control Order, 1979;

(b) what are the reasons for non-issuance of notice in each case;

(c) whether notices can be issued belatedly; and

(d) if so, by when th$_e$ notices would be issued in all the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINIS TRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH); (a) Necessary action as per due process of law has been taken against the companies from whom recoveries are due.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Price of Metakelfin Tablets

2479. SHRIMATl RATAN KUMARI; Will the Minlister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the approved price of Metakelfin Tablets and at what price th)is medicine is being sold;

(b) whether it is a fact that the manufacturer of this product is selling a number of other products either at prices in excess than approved prices or without price approval;

(c) if so, what are the names of the products alongwith the price at which each is being sold alongwith the approved price of each;

(d) whether an$_y$ show cause notice has been issued for violation of the Dk-ugs Price Control Order; and

(e) if so, What are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMTCALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINIS TRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) A price of Rs. 4.89 has been fixed for a strip of two tablets under Drug (Prices Control) Order, 1979, against the price of Rs. 7.69 currently being charged by M/s. Walter Bushnal.

(b) and (c) The company is marketing a number of formulations in different pack sizes. The required details are therefore not readily available.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The company is being asked to implement the price fixed by the Government.

Amount due from IDPL and HAL

2480. SHRIMATl RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether the amount due from IDPL and HAL under Par a 7(2) of Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 has been calculated by his Ministry;

(b) if so, what is the amount worked out in respect of each during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for non-calculations of amount due and what action has been taken against those responsible for this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINIS-TRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH); (a) to (c) Necessary action has been initiated to recover the amount.

Performance of I.DJP.L.

2481. SHRIMATl RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main reason for IDPL losses is the burden of expenditure and interference of top bureaucrats;

(b) if so, what role is being played by his Ministry in the working, planning and policy of IDPL;

(c) whether it is a fact that IDPL has not been able to utilise the available production capacity of a number of drugs;